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NEW ADVERTISEMENTS

NEW YEAR HOLIDAYS.

IN Accordance with the provisions of Ordinance No. 6 of 1875 THE EXCHANGE BANKS will be CLOSED for the Transaction of Public Business on FRIDAY and SATURDAY, the 1st and 2nd JANUARY, 1904, respectively.

Hongkong, 30th December, 1903. [3589]

NOTICE.

A N OLD ALLEYNNIAN DINNER will be held on WEDNESDAY, the 13th JANUARY, 1904, at the HONGKONG HOTEL.

The undersigned will receive names of any Old Alleynnians who have not yet been communicated with.

H. ARTHUR,
Care of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co.
Hongkong, 30th December, 1903. [3582]

TO LET.

"HARPERVILLE" and Grounds,
No. 33, CONDUIT ROAD, Six rooms.
Tunis Court.
HOUSE in CAINE ROAD in FLATS..
And others to suit various requirements.
S. A. SETH,
Land and Estate Broker.
Hongkong, 30th December, 1903. [3588]

PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Undersigned have received instructions to Sell by Public Auction
FOR ACCOUNT OF THE CONCERNED,
TO-DAY (WEDNESDAY) the 30th DECEMBER, 1903, at 2.30 P.M. at their
SALES ROOMS, No. 8, Des Voeux Road
(Corner of Ice House Street),

AN ASSORTMENT OF CHINESE CURIOS,

Comprising:-
OLD BRONZES, VASES, INCENSE BURNERS, TEA CUPS, SILK EMBROIDERIES, &c., &c., &c.

Also
SUNDRY HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE, ONE RICKSHA, ONE BAGPIPE, SURGICAL INSTRUMENTS, &c.

A QUANTITY OF BOOKS.

TERMS--As usual.
HUGHES & HOUGH,
Auctioneers.
Hongkong, 30th December, 1903. [3590]

PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Undersigned has received instructions to Sell by Public Auction,
TUESDAY, the 5th JANUARY, 1904, at 1.30 P.M., at his
SALES ROOMS, Queen's Road,

HANDSOME HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE, CANE FURNITURE, CARPETS, RUGS and SKIN RUGS;

PICTURES, ORNAMENTS, &c.;

A few very handsome IVORY INLAID SANDALWOOD WORK BOXES, BASKETS and ALBUM COVERS;

AN APOLLO PIANO PLAYER in First-class working order, ONE STOOL and ONE MUSIC CASE; 32 ROLLS of MUSIC, nearly new;

TERMS OF SALE--As customary.

V. I. REMEDIOS,
Auctioneer.
Hongkong, 30th December, 1903. [3591]

NAVIGAZIONE GENERALE ITALIANA.

(Florio and Rubattino United Companies.)

STEAM FOR BOMBAY VIA SINGAPORE AND PENANG.

Having connection with Company's Mail Steamer to ADEN, SUEZ, PORT SAID, MESSINA, NAPLES, LEGHORN and GENOA, also VENICE and TRIESTE, all MEDITERRANEAN, AEGEAN, LEVANTINE and SOUTH AMERICAN PORTS up to CALLAO (Taking Cargo at through rates to PERSIAN GULF and BAGDAD, also BARCELONA, VALENZA, ALICANTE, ALMERIA and MALAGA.)

THE Steamship

"ISCHIA."

Captain Margonini, will be despatched as above on TUESDAY, the 12th January, at Noon.

At Bombay the Steamer is discharging in Victoria Dock.

For further particulars regarding Freight and Passage, apply to

CARLOWITZ & CO., Agents.

Hongkong, 30th December, 1903. [3592]

OCEAN STEAMSHIP COMPANY, LIMITED,

AND

CHINA MUTUAL STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED.

CONSIGNEES per Company's Steamer

are hereby notified that the Cargo is being discharged into Craft, and/or landed at the Godowns of the Hongkong and Kowloon Godown Co. Ltd., where in both cases it will lie at Consignee's risk. The Cargo will be ready for delivery from Craft or Godown on and after the 30th instant.

Optional cargo will be landed unless notice has been given prior to steamer's arrival.

All broken, chafed, and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined at 11 A.M. on the 5th prox.

No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the steamer's Godown and all Goods remaining undelivered after the 5th prox. will be subject to rent.

All Claims against the Steamer must be presented to the Undersigned on or before the 12th prox., or they will not be recognized.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE,

Agents.

Hongkong, 29th December, 1903. [3593]

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PUBLIC COMPANIES

HUMPHREYS' ESTATE AND FINANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

SHAREHOLDERS are hereby notified that in accordance with the Special Resolutions passed on 31st October, and confirmed on 18th November, 1903, they are entitled on application to an allotment of one share for every two old shares held by them. Forms of application will be sent to every shareholder.

The sum of \$2.50 per share will be payable, on application, on or before the 4th of January, 1904. Two months' notice of any calls will be given.

Shareholders desirous of paying "in or before the 4th January, 1904, the whole amount payable in respect of their shares, can do so, and in such event will receive fully paid up scrip in exchange.

The new issue will rank for Dividend pro rata from 1st January, 1904, according to the amount paid on such shares on 4th January, 1904.

The Register of Shares will be closed from 17th December, 1903, to 4th January, 1904, both days inclusive.

JOHN D. HUMPHREYS & SON,
General Managers.
Hongkong, 1st December, 1903. [3317]

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the STATUTORY MEETING of the above Company will be held at the REGISTERED OFFICE of the Company, 31, Queen's Road Central, Hongkong, on THURSDAY, the 7th day of JANUARY, 1904, at 12 o'clock Noon.

CHAN A. FAK,
Secretary.
Hongkong, 19th December, 1903. [3301]

BOTHEN MARK LODGE, NO. 264.

A REGULAR MEETING of the BOTHEN MARK LODGE will be held at the FREEMASONS' HALL, TODAY (WEDNESDAY), the 30th instant, at 5 for 30 P.M. precisely. Visiting Brethren are cordially invited to attend.

Hongkong, 29th December, 1903. [3581]

NEW YEAR EXCURSION TO MACAO.

THE S.S. "WING CHAI" will run an excursion trip to Macao on NEW YEAR'S DAY, starting from Hongkong at 8.30 A.M., and returning at 7.30 P.M.

MINGON & CO.
Hongkong, 29th December, 1903. [3582]

WANTED.

A EUROPEAN NURSE to travel with a Lady and Gentleman and take charge of a child seven months old.

For further particulars, apply to

Mrs. JOHN WHALLEY,
Care of Peak Hotel.
Hongkong, 29th December, 1903. [3578]

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Apply--

"BONANZA,"
Care of Daily Press Office.
Hongkong, 17th December, 1903. [3474]

NOTICE.

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Address--
Y. Z.,
Care of Daily Press Office.
Hongkong, 19th December, 1903. [3577]

NOTICE.

THE date of Closing of Entries for the FORTHCOMING RACES has been POSTPONED from the 9th JANUARY to SATURDAY, 16th.

By Order,

T. F. HOUGH,
Clerk of the Course.
Hongkong, 28th December, 1903. [3580]

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Hongkong, 11th August, 1903. [2252]

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Hongkong, 3rd November, 1903. [13313]

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"FROM HONGKONG TO CANTON
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BY CAPTAIN C. V. LLOYD (s.s. "HANKOW")
With Illustrations, Maps and Plans.

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MESSRS. KELLY & WALSH.
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Hongkong, 9th October, 1903. [2836]

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CHRISTMAS CAKES
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lbs., and also MINCE PIES, ASSORTED
CAKES, &c., &c.

DORABJEE & SON,
Hongkong, 41, Des Vaux Road.

Hongkong, 14th December, 1903. [3444]

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REFRESHMENT CONTRACTOR and
CATERER.

Ball Suppers, Dance Suppers, Picnics, Lun-
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Cutlery, Cracker, and Table Linen on hire.
For Terms, apply to— YING KEE,
(First Floor) 50, Des Vaux Road Central.
Hongkong, 12th December, 1903. [3434]

AUTOMATIC MAUSER
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With CHAMBER for 10 CARTRIGGLES
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SIEMMSEN & CO.
Hongkong, 3rd October, 1903.

TO LET

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HOUSE NO. 2, QUEEN'S GARDENS as
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Apply—
MESSRS. JARDINE, MATTHESON & CO.
Hongkong, 12th December, 1903. [3436]

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FINE FRONT OFFICE on Queen's Road
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BOX 600,
Care of Daily Press Office,
Hongkong, 14th December, 1903. [3442]

TO LET.

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SPANISH PROCURATION.
Hongkong 1st, July, 1903. [73]

TO LET.

TWO SPACIOUS GODOWNS—Nos. 95
and 96, PEAYA EAST.

Apply to—
H. N. MODY,
Victoria Building,
Hongkong, 2nd December, 1903. [32]

TO LET.

NO. 1, RIPPON TERRACE (in FLATS).

NO. 4, RIPPON TERRACE.

NO. 15, WONG-NEI-CHONG ROAD,
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FLATS in MOLETON TERRACE, facing the
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GODOWNS No. 3A, BLUE BUILDINGS.

GODOWNS, PEAYA EAST.

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THE HONGKONG LAND INVESTI-
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Hongkong, 1st December, 1903. [3312]

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ROOM FURNISHED or UNFURNISHED,
BED, with Bathoom and Gas. Good View
of Harbour, Gardens, &c.

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Mrs. F. G. ALLEN,
Seaview, Wan Chai Gap Road.

Hongkong, 5th December, 1903. [3356]

TO LET.

SIX-ROOMED HOUSE at PEAK (Fur-
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BISHOP'S LODGE (PEAK).

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"ALEXANDRA" BUILDINGS, Rooms
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(Furnished), for 1 year from 1st April, 1904.

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(Godown).

Apply to—
LINSTEAD & DAVIS,
Hongkong, 24th December, 1903. [3479]

TO LET.

TWO SPACIOUS NEW GODOWNS,
very suitable for Dry Goods.

Apply to—
W. LYSAUGHT,
153, Wan Chai Road.

Hongkong, 3rd December, 1903. [3332]

HOUSE TO LET AT MACAO.

LARGE and COMFORTABLE HOUSE
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Gardens and out-houses.

Apply to—
LOUIZ EUSEBIO DA SILVA,
Macao.

Macao, 23rd December, 1903. [3544]

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FIRST and SECOND FLOORS of No. 34,
Queen's Road Central, opposite the
General Post Office, after March 31st, 1904, at
present occupied by Messrs. Powell & Co., and
the Cosmopolitan House. This house is
especially suitable for people who are seeking
places for hotel purposes.

Please apply to—
YEE SANG FAT,
at the above address.

Hongkong, 29th December, 1903. [3579]

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2ND and 3RD FLOORS, No. 35, QUEEN'S
ROAD CENTRAL; suitable for Office.

Apply to—
WING CHEONG,
35, Queen's Road Central.

Hongkong, 3rd November, 1903. [198]

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European Supervision. Excellent Cuisine
and Accommodation.

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MANAGERESS,
Macdonnell Road

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Hongkong, 2nd March, 1903. [681]

M. MATTHAEY.

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14, QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL
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Opposite Messrs. Kelly & Walsh, Booksellers.

Hongkong, 11th July, 1903. [198]

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"TOWER HOUSE," Kennedy Road.

EXCELLENT Table, Every home comfort.
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For terms, apply to—
Mrs. G. SACHSE.

"St. George's House."

Hongkong, 15th March, 1903. [632]

BOARD AND RESIDENCE.

M. R. S. GILLIAND BBS.

"GLENWOOD,"

21, CAINE ROAD.

Hongkong, 20th March, 1903. [2626]

BOARD AND RESIDENCE.

COMFORTABLY FURNISHED
ROOMS, with Board.

Apply to Mrs. MATTHEY,
2, Pedder's Hill.

Hongkong, 1st January, 1903.

IN PRISON AT PORT ARTHUR

ADVENTURES OF THREE JAPANESE.

The Japan Times translates some experiences
of the Japanese merchants who were recently
imprisoned at Port Arthur by the Russians,
which were published in the *Yomi* and the *Chugoku
Shimbun*. Mr. Hajime Yamamoto, one of the party,
makes the following statement:

Mr. Manjichi Takenouchi and I, both of the
Kanagafuchi Cotton Mill, and Mr. Kokichi
Tsui, of the Mitsui Bussan Kaisha, left New-
chwang for the interior of Manchuria at the
beginning of September for the purpose of
ascertaining what kind of cotton yams the
Chinese would take and what manner of trans-
actions they would prefer. War rumours were
in the air, and it was considered to be dangerous
to venture far inland. We therefore visited
Liaoyang, Mukden, Tieling, etc., and their
outlying districts.

The arrest took place at Haiping on the
morning of the 23rd September. We were then
waiting for a train in order to go to Kaiping.
Mr. Takenouchi was walking beyond the railway
tracks, when some Russian soldiers suddenly
arrested him, on suspicion of his having entered
something into his note-book. Mr. Tsui and I
were also arrested on account of our being in
the company. We were then brought before
the commander of the Russian garrison, who
asked us as to the purpose and destination of our
journey and searched our clothes and baggage.
Finally it was announced that examination was
not completed, and a little past midnight we
were put on board a train in custody of several
soldiers. For fifteen hours we were left without
food.

We were told that our destination was
Taishihlia, but the train was running north-
ward, instead of to the south. There was a
Japanese in the carriage, and not suspecting
that we were in custody, he asked us our
destination. I was impatient to let him know
that we were in the clutches of the Russian
military authorities, and was going to answer
when our guard became angry, struck the
Japanese traveller, and finally forced him out
of the carriage.

Under such conditions it was vain to hope
for communication with our countrymen, even
if we were lucky enough to meet one of them.
So I bribed the Russian soldiers and bought
beer for them, with the result that their manner
greatly softened and they began to talk with
us. At a station called Kuangchingshan, I
described a Japanese on the platform, and
sauntered out from the carriage. As a Russian
soldier of course followed me, I gave him
some money. But as it was out of the
question to address the Japanese openly, I
drew him to a cigarette stall, and while buying
cigarettes, asked him to inform the Mitsui
Bussan Kaisha at Newchwang of our arrest.

The train stopped at Harbin on the 25th,
at 2 p.m., when I was able to send a Japanese
telegram to the Mitsui Bussan office at
Dalin, who was then staying at Harbin. He
came to the station, saw us, talked to the
Russian soldiers and said to us: "Boat case!"
I will do something."

We were then conveyed to the Russian
barracks at Harbin, where we were imprisoned
for about 24 hours without any court proceedings.
On

SHIPPING.

ARRIVALS.

Dec. 23, ALDOA, British str., 4,897. A. Lockett, United States via Japan ports 17th Nov., General—P. M. S. S. Co.
 Dec. 23, BABELBEG, German steamer, 1,300, Ahren, Singapore 17th Dec., and Hoibow 27th, General—E. A. TEADING CO.
 Dec. 23, CARL DIEDERICHS, German str., 774, H. Schlaikier, Haiphong 24th Dec., General—JENSEN & CO.
 Dec. 23, JOHANNE, German str., 952, Ipland, Pakhoi 26th Dec., Gen. JENSEN & CO.
 Dec. 23, KOWLOON, German str., 1,447, Stahr, Chinkiang and Wuhu 24th Dec., General—STENSMAN & CO.
 Dec. 23, TYDEUS, British str., 4,799, M. H. F. Jackson, United Kingdom via Singapore 14th Nov., General—BUTTERFIELD & SWINE.
 Dec. 23, WAISING, British str., 1,170, M. Courtney, Wuhu 24th Dec., General—JARDINE, MATHESON & CO.
 Dec. 23, HANSA, German str., 1,207, F. Weidlich, Port Louis and Mauritius 6th Dec., Sugar—CHINESE.
 Dec. 23, PROGRESS, German steamer, 687, F. Brunner, Quinhon 26th Dec., General—STEINMEN & CO.
 Dec. 23, KOMILLA MARU, Japanese str., 2,399, E. Bon, Manila 27th Dec., General—TOYO KISEN KAISHA.
 Dec. 23, SHINGU MARU, Japanese str., 3,002, Nagata Kakatoku, Kure 24th Dec., Coal—ORDIE.
 Dec. 23, ZAFIRO, British str., 1,611, R. Rodger, Manila 26th December, General—SHEWAN TOMES & CO.

CLEARANCES
AT THE HONGKONG MASTER'S OFFICE.
28th December.
Arrived, Chinese str., for Shanghai.
Kraus, British str., for Shanghai.
Maria Rickmers, German str., for Hoibow.

DEPARTURES.

28th December.
 CLAYBURN, British str., for Shanghai.
 29th December.
 AVOC, British str., for Amoy.
 BENELD, British str., for Nagasaki.
 BORNED, German str., for Sandakan.
 DAJIN MARU, Japanese str., for Tamsui.
 HALLOONG, British str., for Swanay.
 HIRASAKI MARU, Japanese str., for Moji.
 HIROSHIMA MARU, Japanese str., for Bombay.
 HIRHIAO, French str., for Haiphong.
 HOLSTEIN, German str., for Haiphong.
 HUPEH, British str., for Seattle.
 KAGI MARU, Japanese str., for Canton.
 KWANTUNG, Chinese str., for Shanghai.
 KWEILIN, British str., for Shanghai.
 MAHLDE, German str., for Swatow.
 MAGAZON, British str., for Shanghai.
 NUGENH, German str., for Hamburg.
 PROGRESS, German str., for Swatow.
 PYRIGHS, British str., for Shanghai.
 SALAZIE, French str., for Europe.
 SHANH, British str., for Canton.
 SIEGLER, British str., for Canton.
 TAKSANG, British str., for Shanghai.
 TINGSA, British str., for Macassar.
 TILATJAP, Dutch str., for Bangkok.
 TSINTAU, German str., for Khab.
 UNDINE, Norwegian str., for Formosa.
 VESAL, British str., for Formosa.
 WOSANG, British str., for Shanghai.
 YANEYAMA MARU, Japanese str., for Kobe.

VESSELS IN DOCK.
29th December.

ABERDEEN DOCKS—H.I.G.M.S. *Moorie Hatty*, U.S.A.T. *Sacramento*, H.M.S. *Glory*, Argus, Hongkong, Wurzburg, Sallberg, Amigo, Maria Rickmers, H.M.S. *Albion*, Cosmopolitan DUCK—Salamanca, Paul Beau.

VESEELS PASSED ANJER.
 Dec. 4, Amr. 4m. bge., Romoli, Ausburg, Not 2 from Hongkong for Baltimore.
 Dec. 4, 1m. 4m. bge., Atta, Koy, from Manila for New York.
 Dec. 5, British bge., Fortbank, Young, from East.
 Dec. 5, Italian bge., Nonna Anzio, Massa, July 29 from Rotterdam for Batavia.
 Dec. 7, Dutch str., Ardoen, P. de Boer, from Rotterdam for Batavia.
 Dec. 8, British str., Onipenta, Thomson, from London for Batavia.

VESSELS ON THE BERTH
DOUGLAS STEAMSHIP COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR SWATOW, AMOY AND FOOCHOW.
THE Company's Steamship.

"HAICHING."
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Hongkong, 28th December, 1903. [3574]

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JOINT SERVICES.

FORTNIGHTLY SAILINGS FOR LONDON AND CONTINENT.
MONTHLY SAILINGS FOR LIVERPOOL.

TAKING CARGO ON THROUGH BILLS OF LADING FOR ALL EUROPEAN,
NORTH AND SOUTH AMERICAN, WEST AUSTRALIAN, JAVA,
AND HUMATEA PORTS.

OUTWARDS.

STEAMERS	DUE
GLASGOW and LIVERPOOL. "NESTOR"	1st January.
GLASGOW and LIVERPOOL. "KEEMUN"	8th January.
GLASGOW and LIVERPOOL. "KINTUCK"	14th January.
GLASGOW and LIVERPOOL. "PINGSUEY"	22nd January.
GLASGOW and LIVERPOOL. "MOYUNE"	28th January.
GLASGOW and LIVERPOOL. "GLAUCUS"	3rd February.

HOMEWARDS.

STEAMERS	TO SAIL
MARSELLES, LONDON and ANTWERP. "DARDANUS"	5th January.
MARSELLES, LONDON and ANTWERP. "YANGTSZE"	19th January.
LIVERPOOL, WITH TRANSHIPMENT TO SINGAPORE. "YANGTSZE"	10th January.
LONDON and ANTWERP. "NESTOR"	2nd February.
GENOA, MARSELLES and LIVERPOOL. "KEEMUN"	15th February.
LONDON and ANTWERP. "KINTUCK"	16th February.
LONDON and ANTWERP. "MOYUNE"	1st March.

TRANS-PACIFIC SERVICE.

STEAMERS	TO SAIL
VICTORIA, SEATTLE, TACOMA, AND PACIFIC COAST PORTS, VIA "TYDEUS"	30th December.
NAGASAKI, KOBE & YOKOHAMA. "PINGSUEY"	24th January.
The s.s. "TYDEUS" has arrived, and leaves for Japan and Pacific on the 30th inst.	
The s.s. "CALCHAS" from Tacoma has arrived.	
The s.s. "NESTOR" left Singapore on the 26th inst., and is due here on the 1st January.	

For Freight, apply to—

BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE, AGENTS.

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Hongkong, 30th December, 1903.

CHINA NAVIGATION CO.
LIMITED.

STEAMERS.

MANILA	POET DARWIN, THURSDAY	STEAMERS	TO SAIL
ISLAND, COOKTOWN, CAIIMS, TOWNSVILLE, BRISBANE, SYDNEY and MELBOURNE	"CHINGTU"	30th December.	
SWATOW and SHANGHAI	"HUNAN"	31st December.	
SHANGHAI	"KANSHU"	1st January.	
ILIOLO	"WUCHANG"	2nd January.	
KOBE	"TAIWAN"	4th January.	

The attention of Passengers is directed to the superior accommodation offered by these steamers, which are fitted throughout with Electric Light. Unrivalled Table. A duly qualified Surgeon is carried.

Taking Cargos on through bills of lading to all Yangtze and Northern China Ports, and other Australian Ports.

REDUCED SALOON FARES, SINGLE AND RETURN, TO MANILA AND AUSTRALIAN PORTS.

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CANADIAN PACIFIC RAILWAY CO.'S
ROYAL MAIL STEAMSHIP LINE.

THE FAST ROUTE BETWEEN CHINA, JAPAN, AND EUROPE, VIA CANADA AND THE UNITED STATES.

CALLING AT SHANGHAI, NAGASAKI, KOBE, YOKOHAMA AND VICTORIA, B.C.

SAFETY. SPEED. PUNCTUALITY.

Empress Twin Screw Steamships—6,000 Tons—10,000 Horse-Power—Speed 19 knots.

SAVING THREE TO SEVEN DAYS ACROSS THE PACIFIC.

PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG (SUBJECT TO ALTERATION).

R.M.S. "EMPEROR OF CHINA"	6,000 Tons	WEDNESDAY, 13th Jan. 1904
R.M.S. "ATHENIAN"	3,882 Tons	WEDNESDAY, 27th Jan.
R.M.S. "EMPEROR OF INDIA"	6,000 Tons	WEDNESDAY, 10th Feb.
R.M.S. "TAATAR"	4,425 Tons	WEDNESDAY, 24th Feb.
R.M.S. "EMPEROR OF JAPAN"	6,000 Tons	WEDNESDAY, 9th Mar.
R.M.S. "EMPEROR OF CHINA"	6,000 Tons	WEDNESDAY, 30th Mar.
R.M.S. "EMPEROR OF INDIA"	6,000 Tons	WEDNESDAY, 20th April
R.M.S. "ATHENIAN"	3,882 Tons	WEDNESDAY, 27th April.
R.M.S. "EMPEROR OF JAPAN"	6,000 Tons	WEDNESDAY, 11th May.

THE magnificient TWIN-SCREW "EMPEROR" STEAMSHIPS of this Line pass through the famous INLAND SEA of JAPAN, and usually make the voyage YOKOHAMA to VAN COUVER (B.C.) in 12 DAYS "TATAR" and "ATHENIAN" 14 DAYS, saving THREE DAYS to a week in the Trans-Pacific journey and make connection at Vancouver with the PALATIAL OVERLAND TRAINS of the CANADIAN PACIFIC RAILWAY, which leave daily and cross the Continent FROM THE PACIFIC TO THE ATLANTIC WITHOUT CHANGE in 97 hours. Close connection is made at Montreal, Quebec, Halifax, New York and Boston with all Trans-Atlantic Lines, which passengers to Great Britain and the Continent are given choice of.

Passengers booked through to all principal points and AROUND THE WORLD. Return tickets to various points at reduced rates, Good for 4, 8, and 12 months.

SPECIAL RATES (First class only) granted to Missionaries, Members of the Naval, Military, Diplomatic, and Civil Services, and to European Officials in the Service of China and Japan Governments.

The attractive features of this Company's route embrace its PALATIAL STEAMSHIPS, second to none in the World, the LUXURANCE OF ITS TRANS-CONTINENTAL TRAINS (the Company having received the highest award for same at Chicago World's Fair), and the diversity of MAGNIFICENT MOUNTAIN AND LAKE SCENERY (through which the Railway passes).

THE DINING CARS and MOUNTAIN HOTELS of this route are owned and operated by the Company, and their appointments and Cuisine are unexcelled.

For further information, Maps, Guides, Books, Rates of Passage and Freight, apply to D. E. BROWN, General Agent, Padre Street.

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PENINSULAR AND ORIENTAL

STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY.

FOR STEAMERS TO SAIL REMARKS.

YOKOHAMA, VIA SHANGHAI, HAI, MOU and KOBE (Passing through the Inland Sea)	PALEMO E. G. Andrews	About 1st January	Freight and Passage.
LONDON, &c.	SIMLA F. R. Summers	Noon, 2nd January	See Special Advertisement.
SHANGHAI	BENGAL G. Phillips	About 2nd January	Freight and Passage.
SINGAPORE, and BOMBAY	TIENTIN H. W. Komick, E.N.E.	About 6th January	Freight only.
LONDON and ANTWERP, VIA SINGAPORE, PENANG, COLOMBO, PORT SAID and MARSEILLES	CEYLON C. F. Lockstone, E.N.E.	About 7th January	Freight and Passage.

Calling at Penang if sufficient inducement offers.

For further Particulars, apply to—

E. A. HEWETT,

Superintendent

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Hongkong, 30th December, 1903.

THE PENINSULAR AND ORIENTAL
STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY
STEAM FOR STRAITS, CYLON, AUS-
TRALIA, INDIA, ADEN, EGYPT,
MEDITERRANEAN PORTS,
PLYMOUTH AND LONDON.
THROUGH BILLS OF LADING ISSUED FOR
TAIWAN, PERSIAN GULF, CONTINENTAL,
AMERICAN AND SOUTH AFRICAN PORTS.
THE Steamship

"SIMLA".
Captain F. R. Summers, carrying His Majesty's
Mail, will be despatched from this for
Bombay, etc., on SATURDAY, the 2nd
of JANUARY, at NOON, taking passengers and
cargo for the above ports.

Silk and Valuables, all cargo for France, and
Tea for London (under arrangement) will be
transhipped at Colombo into a steamer proceed-
ing direct to Marseilles and London; other
cargo for London, &c., will be conveyed via
Bombay.

Parcels will be received at this Office until
4 P.M. the day before sailing. The contents and
value of all packages are required.

Shippers are particularly requested to note
the terms and conditions of the Company's
Bills of Lading.

For further particulars, apply to—

E. A. HEWETT,

Superintendent

Hongkong, 22nd December, 1903. [1349]

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THE AMERICAN ASIATIC STEAM-
SHIP COMPANY.

THE Steamship

"HIMERA". Captain Lockhart,

will be despatched as above on MONDAY, the
4th JANUARY.

For Freight, &c., apply to—

SHEWAN, TOME & CO.,

General Agents.

Hongkong, 23rd December, 1903. [1349]

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EASTERN AND AUSTRALIAN STEAM-
SHIP COMPANY, LIMITED.

THE Steamship

"AUSTRALIAN".

Captain McArthur, will be despatched for the
above ports on WEDNESDAY, the 13th
January, at NOON.

This well-known Steamer is specially fitted
for Passengers, and has a Refrigerating Cham-
ber, which ensures the supply of Fresh Pro-
visions, Ice, &c., throughout the voyage.

This Steamer is installed throughout with the
Electric Light.

A stewardess, and a duly qualified surgeon
are carried.

N.B.—To assure the additional comfort of
passenger, the Steamer of the Company have
electric lights in staterooms.

For Freight or Passage, apply to—

GIBB, LIVINGSTON & CO.,

Agents.

Hongkong, 26th December, 1903. [1354]

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AUSTRIAN LLOYD'S STEAM NAVI-
GATION COMPANY.

THE Steamship

"VINDOBONA".

Captain Cobol, will be despatched as above on

THURSDAY, the 14th January, P.M.

For information as to Passage and Freight,
apply to—

SANDELL, WIELER & CO.,

Agents.

Princes' Buildings.

Hongkong, 22nd December, 1903. [1354]

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NATAL LINE OF STEAMERS.

THE Undersigned GENERAL AGENTS

in CHINA and JAPAN for the above Line

are prepared to issue THROUGH BILLS

OF LADING for all the principal ports in

SOUTH AFRICA, in connection with INDO-

CHINA STEAM NAVIGATION Co.'s fortnightly

service hence to CALCUTTA. Sailings from

CALCUTTA for CAPE PORTS every fortnight.

For Freight and further

POST OFFICE NOTICES.

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Parcel Mails for Europe, &c., &c., per s.s. *Imola* will close at 5 p.m. on Thursday, the 31st inst.

On Friday, the 1st prox., the Post Office will be open from 8 till 9 a.m.

On Saturday, the 2nd prox., the Post Office will be open until 10 a.m. for the dispatch of the English Mail to Europe.

The Money Order Office will be entirely closed.

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Nagasaki, Kobe and Yokohama		
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Macao		
Amoy		
Shanghai		
Kongmoum Kamchuk and Samshui		
Manila, Port Dewin, Thursday Island, Cooktown, Cairns, Townsville, Brisbane, Sydney and Melbourne		
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Saigon		
Nautuo		
Saibon		
Macao		
Canton		
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Manila		
Yokohama, Kobe and Tsingtau		
Macao		
Ililo		
Kongmoum, Kamchuk and Samshui		
Macao		
Manila		

TO-DAY.

Sale, Chinese Curios, Sales Rooms, Messrs. Hughes & Hough, 2:30 p.m.

Performance, Theatrical, City Hall, 9 p.m.

COMMERCIAL.

CLOSING QUOTATIONS.

29th December

ON LONDON.	
Teleggraphic Transfer	1.84
Bank Bills, on demand	1.81
Bank Bills, at 30 days' sight	1.82
Bank Bills, at 4 months' sight	1.83
Credits, at 4 months' sight	1.92
Overnight Bills, 4 months' sight	1.94
ON PARIS.	
Bank Bills, on demand	2161
Credits, at 4 months' sight	220
ON GERMANY.	
On demand	176
ON NEW YORK.	
Bank Bills, on demand	414
Credits, 60 days' sight	424
ON LIVERPOOL.	
Telegraphic Transfer	1274
Bank, on demand	1274
ON CALCUTTA.	
Telegraphic Transfer	1274
Bank, on demand	1274
ON SHANGHAI.	
Bank, at sight	714
Private, 30 days' sight	72
ON YOKOHAMA.	
On demand	844
ON MANILA.	
On demand	Nominal
ON SINGAPORE.	
On demand	Nominal
ON BATAVIA.	
On demand	1034
ON HAMPSON.	
On demand	11 p.m.
ON SAIGON.	
On demand	p.c. pm.
ON BANGKOK.	
On demand	634
SOVEREIGNS, Bank's buying Rate	81.65
GOLD LEAF, 100 lire, per tael	61.20
GOLD LEAF, 100 lire, per oz.	2514
BAR SILVER, per oz.	2514

OPIUM.

29th December.

Quotations are—	Allowing, not to 1 cent.
Malwa New	8960 to 8980 per picul
Malwa Old	8100 to 8120
Malwa Older	810.0 to 8106
Malwa V. Old	81080 to 81100
Persian fine quality	840 to —
Persian extra fine	8550 to —
Persian New	81152 to — per chanc.
Persian Old	— to —
Banaras New	81152 to —
Banaras Old	— to —

VESSELS EXPECTED.

THE INDIAN MAIL.

The steamer *Gregory Apur*, from Calcutta, left Singapore for this port on 22nd inst., p.m.

The Indo-China steamer *Laisang* left Calcutta for this port, via the Straits on the 24th inst., and may be expected here on the 10th prox.

THE FRENCH MAIL.

The P. & O. steamer *Bengal* left Singapore for this port on the 27th inst., at noon, and is due here on the 2nd prox., at 8 a.m.

THE GERMAN MAIL.

The Imperial German mail steamer *Kiansch* left Kobe via Nagasaki and Shanghai on the 27th inst., p.m., and may be expected here on the 6th prox.

The Imperial German mail steamer *Sachsen* left Colombo on the 27th inst., p.m., and may be expected here on the 8th prox.

THE AMERICAN MAIL.

The T.K.K. steamer *Hongkong Mata* left San Francisco for this port, via Honolulu, &c., on the 3rd inst.

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